

Madam Speaker, the Mingo Creek Presbyterian Church's story, is deeply rooted in our great Nation's origins. The Church has stood as a testament of faith for 240 years, and its storied history has earned the religious institution a standing in the National Registry for Historic Places. I look forward to what the next chapter has in store for the congregation and community.

**THANKING HUNTER LIPSCOMB  
FOR HIS DEDICATED SERVICE**

**HON. STEVEN M. PALAZZO**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 21, 2022*

Mr. PALAZZO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize one of my original staff members, Hunter Lipscomb, who started with me on my first campaign in 2010. I had just won my Republican primary, and I was focusing on recruiting and building my leadership team to take on a popular 10-term incumbent in the general election. Hunter was a graduate student, writing on political topics for his university paper and itching to get into a campaign fight to help win a Republican majority in the House of Representatives.

As it turned out, Hunter and I had many common interests, including military service. I used to train with his older brother, Jamie, who was in the Army National Guard while I was in the Marine Corps Reserve. Hunter had dissected my campaign and helped craft a plan for the campaign's final months that worked against all odds. We won.

Hunter served in various roles—he helped the transition, set up the office, and worked as a legislative aid and communications director before returning to the district to serve as my District Director/Deputy Chief of Staff. We put south Mississippians first.

In 2017, I asked Hunter to serve as my Chief of Staff in Washington, D.C. During his time as my Chief of Staff, Hunter focused on communicating with constituents and working on policy matters that impact the district. Always looking through the lens of how a policy might affect Mississippians, Hunter maneuvered our office to lead on keeping flood insurance available and affordable and making the Mississippi Sound whole from freshwater intrusion.

Hunter took a particular interest in aligning and maximizing the needs of Mississippi's federal assets, including the Stennis Space Center, our military installations, and shipbuilding capacity. He also focused on ensuring these entities received the federal appropriations and policy support to remain competitive and vibrant.

Most importantly, Hunter was responsive to constituent groups and elected officials, serving as their advocate on whatever issue they might bring, treating it as a top priority of the office, and more times than not, being successful on their behalf.

I appreciate Hunter's tireless energy in working to make my office successful. I am proud of our time together and our enduring friendship. I thank Hunter for his 8 years of dedicated service to Mississippi's 4th Congressional District.

Always Ready, Always There.

**HONORING THE CAREER AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF ARTS ADVOCATE, JUDY LISI**

**HON. KATHY CASTOR**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 21, 2022*

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of the career and contributions of Judy Lisi, a fierce leader in the Tampa arts community. After 30 years serving as CEO and President of Tampa's David A. Straz, Jr. Center for the Performing Arts, the largest performing arts hall in the Southeastern United States, I congratulate and thank Judy for the incredible impact she has had on Tampa's cultural landscape.

Judy began her career with the Straz Center in 1992, just 5 years after the venue first opened its doors in downtown Tampa. She took on the opportunity to lead the performing arts center as she saw the great potential it held in advancing Tampa's arts scene and bringing together a community. Before her arrival in Tampa, Judy worked at the Shuber Theater in New Haven, Connecticut, just 2 hours away from New York City's Broadway stages. A Juilliard-trained soprano, Judy was able to apply her expertise and experience towards her ambitions for the Straz Center. Within her first year as President and CEO, Judy brought in a 20 percent increase in attendance at the venue, and her passion and determination led to continued growth from there. Throughout her tenure, she doubled the venue's number of stages, founded the Opera Tampa company and led production for original plays, including the musical "Wonderland," which made its way from Tampa to Broadway. Outside of theater, Judy grew the Straz's program offerings to include countless standup comedians and musicians over the years. From Tito Puente to Taylor Swift, Judy brought in a variety of performers to demonstrate the constant evolution of art and to share that excitement with so many members of our community. Judy also oversaw the creation of the Straz's Patel Conservatory, a performing arts training institution that offers opportunities for all ages and interests. The conservatory provides a safe space where students can receive various forms of performing arts education and encouragement to pursue their own artistic interests.

Judy's work has not only contributed towards people's engagement with the Straz Center, but with downtown Tampa. Today our neighbors can see a show at the Straz Center, stroll along the riverwalk or view the most recent exhibit at the Tampa Museum of Art, among many other landmarks. It is because of the determination and commitment of leaders like Judy that our community is able to take full advantage of Tampa's culture and history.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of my neighbors in Tampa Bay and the citizens of Florida, I am proud to honor Judy Lisi for her dedication to arts education. We are immensely grateful for her leadership and service and wish her all the best in her retirement. Judy's legacy will be appreciated by and inspire many in the arts community, from Tampa to Broadway, for years to come.

**HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF CARMEN H. PEREZ**

**HON. FRANK J. MRVAN**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 21, 2022*

Mr. MRVAN. Madam Speaker, it is with deep sadness and the utmost respect that I take this time to remember one of Indiana's most distinguished citizens, Carmen H. Perez, beloved mother, grandmother, and educator of over 45 years. On Friday, December 16, 2022, Carmen passed away at the age of 89. She will be greatly missed by her family, friends, students, and the many people whose lives she influenced.

Carmen H. Perez was a lifelong educator and taught at several school corporations throughout the region, including the Gary Community School Corporation, where she spent much of her career. Carmen's passion for the principles of early childhood development and inclusion led her to start the first bilingual preschool education program in the state of Indiana. In 2004, Carmen was presented with the Spirit of Justice Award by the Indiana Civil Rights Commission, its highest honor, for her work dedicated to improving the integration and success of Latino students. Her true devotion to helping children and young adults succeed will continue to serve as an inspiration to us all.

In addition to her outstanding career, Carmen also had a passion for advocacy and civil service. She participated in the 1969 White House Conference on Food, Health, and Nutrition, and served as a delegate to both the 1970 White House Conference on Children and the 1971 NATO International Conference on Cities. In 1986, Carmen was invited by the United States Department of State to the Foreign Policy Conference for Leaders of National Minority and Women's Organizations. For her humble and unwavering civil service, Carmen is worthy of our praise and gratitude.

Carmen H. Perez is survived by her loving daughter, Nina, grandson, Michael (Hannah), best friend, Rose, and in March 2023, great-grandson, David. She will also be remembered by numerous friends, neighbors, and students for her truly outstanding contributions to her community and throughout the Nation.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in honoring and remembering Carmen H. Perez for her lifelong commitment to education and civil service. For her truly meaningful career and her devotion to so many virtuous causes, Carmen leaves a legacy that is worthy of the highest praise.

**HONORING THE LIFE AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF VETERAN AND TIRELESS TRIAL LAWYER, JIM CLARK**

**HON. KATHY CASTOR**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 21, 2022*

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of the life and contributions of James "Jim" W. Clark, a veteran and tireless trial lawyer of over 50 years, who passed away on July 30, 2022 at the age of 77.